

October 2, 2014

The meeting of the Middlesex Board of Health was held on the above date in the Municipal Building and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President with the following statement:

“This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that all the requirements of the Law have been met by the Sunshine Law Meeting Notice forwarded to the Courier News, Home News, and Star Ledger and posted in the Municipal Building on December 19, 2013.

Roll Call

Amy Bigge	
Amy Burke	
Charles Corcoran	
Michael Conahan 1 st Alternate	Absent
Melissa Fedosh	
Thomas Harrity	
Ceil Slauson	

Others in Attendance: Kevin Dotey, Liaison
Terry Brundage, SREHS

Presentations: None

Minutes

Board Member Bigge made a motion to adopt the September 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes seconded by Board Member Slauson and carried by a unanimous vote of Board of Health members present.

Executive Session: None

Reports

- A. Activities Report – REHS, Terry Brundage presented the Activities Report for the month of September and the Monthly Statistics for August, 2014.

(1) Inspector Brundage stated that the owner on 234 D Street was notified to stop feeding cats outside. An email from a resident complained about a resident feeding these cats and the mess (defacating) it makes in her backyard. Board member Burke will check to see if the resident feeding the cats wants to have a managed colony and will try to contact the complainant to see if they can assist them with items to put in their yards to ward off the cats coming into their yard.

President Harrity stated an illegality still exists since they are not licensed nor are they in a managed colony. If the resident does not wish to have a managed colony, she must license these cats and not leave food out to feed.

Board member Burke stated that Paws for Peace Trapped Neuter Release (TNR) 29 Middlesex cats in the last 2 months. The North Lincoln Avenue colony has been abated. She indicated that the caregivers are taking the pictures of these managed colonies and Paws for Peace does the TNR.

(2) The 2014-2015 Flu-Pneumococcal Clinic is on October 16, 2014 at the Department of Senior Services from 1 pm – 2 pm.

- B. Registrar's Report - Board Secretary read the Registrar's Report for September, 2014.
- C. Middlesex County Environment Health Division (Air, Water, Noise & Solid Waste Complaints) – None.
- D. Report from County Health Office Les Jones titled Spray Tek (Odor Complaints) – None.

Finance Report

- A. Board of Health License Fees Collected September, 2014: \$350.00
- Registrar Fees Collected: \$304.00
- C. Bill List – Resolution to Acknowledge All Claims: 64.50

Board Member Corcoran made a motion to accept the Financial Report seconded by Board Member Slauson and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Bigge, Burke, Corcoran, Fedosh, Harrity, Slauson. No: None. Abstain: None.

Correspondence

- A. Board Member Nancy Purcell-Holmes resigned from the Board due to a new job as Director of Nursing at the NJ Eastern Star Home in Bridgewater where she is immersed in projects relating to opening a new facility.
- B. Board Secretary handed out the membership cards for the New Jersey Local Boards of Health Association for each member.
- C. Board Secretary passed along an invitation to attend an event “Fracking: Is Your Community at Risk?” on Wednesday, October 22, 2014.

Unfinished Business

- A. By-Laws of the Middlesex Board of Health – Board member Bigge and the committee are in the process of making the revisions .
- B. Update/Status of Public Park No Smoking Initiative Ordinance – President Harrity stated that on the Agenda at the Regular Public Meeting was the Board of Health recommendation to amend the No Smoking ordinance to have no smoking in any public parks/recreational areas. President Harrity stated that the following issues were brought up by the Mayor that the Board will have to review and make changes to the ordinance before bringing back to the Governing Body. President Harrity stated that the grant time is running out in order for us to get the signs and that the signs were eligible to us once we changed the ordinance to non-smoking in the parks.

(1) Wording needs adjustment to preclude misunderstanding that properties other than actual public parks would be impacted.

(2) Lack of enforceability.

(3) Too broad a prohibition for people who do smoke. There needs to be a designated area.

(4) The \$100 fine. The fine should have an “up to limit” determined by the judge.

The Board agreed that we change the ordinance to read “The Governing Body will designate where the smoking areas will be.”

- C. Food Licensing Renewal Fee for Non-Profits – The committee is waiting on finishing the By-laws before they review the food licensing renewals for non-profit. Health Inspector Brundage gave the committee a report of all the non-profit organizations that he inspects. The Board Secretary will see if any of these are licensed and whether or not they pay for the license.

- . Rabies Clinic – Health Inspector, Terry Brundage noted that the Rabies Clinic is on Saturday, November 1, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Dr. Loomis from the Plainfield Animal Hospital will be the vet used this year. Board members Burke, Slauson, Harrity offered to help. Board member Fedosh is tentative.

Old Business

- A. Pot Belly Pig – Inspector Brundage stated that he spoke with the woman who was inquiring about regulations for a pot belly pig. She has not come back for a license/permit.

New Business - None

Website

- A. The Calendar of Events was posted for the month of October.

Public Portion

President Harrity opened the meeting to the public for anybody wishing to speak.

Seeing that there was no public comment, President Harrity closed the public portion of the meeting.

Board Member Corcoran moved for adjournment seconded by Board Member Slauson and carried by a unanimous vote of members present.

Kathleen Anello
Board Secretary